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Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon

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		Office	Application or Patent Number	Kind Code			Yes	No**
	A 36	DE	3927455		Klaus Kimmerle et al.	08/02/1990		X*
	A 37	DE	1792446		Dr. Josef Hoeltzenbein	04/29/1971		X*
	A 38	WO	97/13571		Pall Corporation	04/17/1997		
	A 39	GB	1417973		Rud Frik Madsen	12/17/1975		
	A 40	EP	0078659		Alfa-Lavalab	10/27/1982		
	A 41	DE	3448391		Schmidt et al.	11/21/1991		X*
	A 42	DE	4114611		Sartorius GMBH	11/14/1991		X*

OTHER - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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			Yes	No++
	A 4 3	HAMMER et al., "Quantitative Flow Measurements in Bioreactors by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging", Biotechnology, Volume 8, Number 4, April 1990		
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